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## United Arab Emirates

### US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens **DO NOT TRAVEL** to the United Arab Emirates due to COVID-19. Reconsider travel due to the threat of missile or drone attacks. Consult its website via the link below for updates to travel advisories and statements on safety, security, local laws and special circumstances in this country.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

### Passport/Visa Requirements

US citizens should make sure their passport will not expire for at least 6 months after they enter the country even if they do not intend to stay that long. They should also make sure they have at least 1 blank page in their passport for any entry stamp that will be required. A visa is not required as long as you do not stay in the country more than 30 days.

### US Embassy/ Consulate

[971] (2) 414-2200; US Embassy in Abu Dhabi, Embassies District, Plot 38, Sector W59-02, Street No. 4, Abu Dhabi, U.A.E.; [abudhabiacs@state.gov](mailto:abudhabiacs@state.gov);



<https://ae.usembassy.gov/>

### Telephone Code

971

### Local Emergency Phone

998, 999

### Vaccinations

See WHO recommendations

<http://www.who.int>

### Climate

Desert; cooler in eastern mountains

### Currency (Code)

Emirati dirhams (AED)

### Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

230 V / 50 Hz / plug type(s): G



### Major Languages

Arabic, English, Hindi, Malayam, Urdu, Pashto, Tagalog, Persian

### Religions

Muslim 76%, Christian 9%, other ( Hindu and Buddhist) 15%

### Time Difference

UTC+4 (9 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

### Potable Water

Yes, but some opt for bottled water.

<b>International Driving Permit</b>	Suggested
<b>Road Driving Side</b>	Right
<b>Tourist destinations</b>	Dubai (includes Burj Khalifa (world's tallest building), Burj-al-Arab Hotel (world's tallest hotel), Dubai Creek Dhow Ride, Dubai Museum); Jebel Hafeet; Bastakia; Al-Bidayah Mosque; Sharjah Museum of Islamic Civilization; Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque; Al Ain
<b>Major Sports</b>	Soccer, cricket, tennis, table tennis
<b>Cultural Practices</b>	The sole of the foot is considered the lowliest part of the body; it is therefore considered very rude to use the foot to point or to move around objects.
<b>Tipping Guidelines</b>	Even if there is a service charge, tip the waiter 10-15% of the total bill. Many Dubai residents choose to tip taxi and hail-riding services 5-10 dirhams or to round up the fare.

Please visit the following links to find further information about your desired destination.

[World Health Organization \(WHO\) - To learn what vaccines and health precautions to take while visiting your destination. http://www.who.int](http://www.who.int)

[US State Dept Travel Information - Overall information about foreign travel for US citizens. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html)

[To obtain an international driving permit \(IDP\). Only two organizations in the US issue IDPs: American Automobile Association \(AAA\) \(www.aaa.com\) and American Automobile Touring Alliance \(AATA\) \(www.aataidp.com\)](http://www.aaa.com)

How to get help in an emergency? Contact the nearest US embassy or consulate, or call one of these numbers:  
from the US or Canada - 1-888-407-4747 or from Overseas - +1 202-501-4444

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